

HIGHER EDUCATION FINANCIAL AID AMENDMENTS

2024 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Val L. Peterson

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends the definition of "fees" to include additional expenses.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- amends the definition of "fees" to include additional expenses; and
makes technical changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

39A-3-201, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2022, Chapter 373

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section 39A-3-201 is amended to read:

39A-3-201 . Tuition and fees assistance for Utah National Guard members -- Use and allocation -- Appropriation.

(1) (a) As used in this section, "fees" means general course fees, in addition to tuition, that are:

- (i) imposed by an institution of higher education; and
(ii) required to be paid by a student to engage in a course of study at the institution of higher education.

(b) "Fees" [does not include] includes:

- (i) a special course fee[-] ; and

- 29           (ii) expenses for required:
- 30                (A) text books; and
- 31                (B) course related materials.
- 32 (2) The Utah National Guard may provide tuition and fees assistance to a member of the
- 33 Utah National Guard for study at an institution of higher education, subject to the
- 34 following requirements:
- 35   (a) the individual shall be, at the time the individual receives the assistance, an active
- 36 member of the Utah National Guard; and
- 37   (b) the assistance is for tuition and fees only and may not be more than the resident
- 38 tuition and fees for the actual course of postsecondary study engaged in by the
- 39 individual.
- 40 (3) (a) Tuition and fees assistance shall be awarded as the adjutant general considers
- 41 necessary.
- 42   (b) An individual may apply to the adjutant general of the state for assistance for each
- 43 year during which the individual is an active member of the Utah National Guard.
- 44   (c) The adjutant general may recoup funds if a recipient fails to meet the requirements of
- 45 the program.
- 46 (4) The adjutant general of the state shall pay tuition and fees assistance directly to the
- 47 institution of higher education from the funds appropriated.
- 48 (5) The adjutant general of the state shall establish regulations, procedures, forms, and
- 49 reports necessary to administer the allocation of assistance and payment of funds under
- 50 this section.
- 51 (6) The adjutant general may use no more than 10% of the funds for administration of the
- 52 program as the adjutant general considers necessary.

53       Section 2. **Effective date.**

54       This bill takes effect on May 1, 2024.